

Exhibit 10

City of Chicago

Traffic Noise Abatement Position



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July 22, 2003

Mr. John Kos, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Kos:

My letter is a follow-up to yours of March 7, 2003 regarding the construction of sound walls on the Dan Ryan Expressway. Simply stated, Chicago deserves a beautiful green-way rather than sound walls made of concrete, stone, manufactured wood and steel lining our city's expressways.

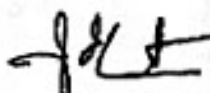
As you know, sound walls were not built during the re-construction of the Edens, Stevenson and Kennedy expressways in Chicago. As a matter of consistency, we believe that sound walls should not be constructed on the Dan Ryan. Beyond just environmental and aesthetic reasons, the emphasis needs to be on the greening of our nation's highways. These vehicle expressways should become express "green ways."

Chicago's answer to this need has recently been to plant trees and landscaping as an alternative to sound walls - providing a "green screen." As such, trees are a soothing and natural sight-line barrier for neighborhoods from the expressways. Additionally, trees in great number, provide for removal of particulate matter emissions from cars and re-introduce oxygen to the atmosphere. Nature must be re-introduced to the concrete and steel of our expressways.

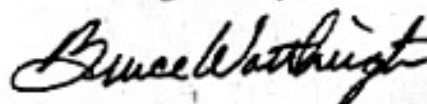
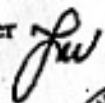
As the City of Chicago, we request that any estimated funding dedicated to sound wall construction for the Dan Ryan project be allocated for planting trees and for landscaping along this route.

If we can be of further assistance or provide further clarification of this issue, please don't hesitate to contact me at 312-744-3600.

Sincerely,


Miguel d'Escoto
Commissioner

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Project and Environmental Studies
Interstate 90/94 (Dan Ryan Expressway)
Traffic Noise Abatement Study
Cook County

March 7, 2003

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Dear Commissioner d'Escoto:

In follow-up to our meeting on February 27, 2003, we are forwarding two (2) copies of the completed highway traffic noise analysis for Interstate 90/94 (Dan Ryan Expressway), between 31st Street and Interstate 57 in the City of Chicago, for your information. We would also like to take this opportunity to confirm the City's position on traffic noise abatement wall implementation as discussed at the February 27th meeting.

The Illinois FIRST program included a legislative commitment to Representative Charles G. Morrow to perform a feasibility study concerning the viability of traffic noise barriers along the Dan Ryan Expressway, between 35th Street and 95th Street in the City of Chicago. The attached reports represent the results of this traffic noise analysis which will be incorporated into the Phase I engineering and environmental reports being generated for the Department's planned reconstruction of the Dan Ryan Expressway, between 31st Street and Interstate 57.

Per Department policy, inclusion of noise walls in the Dan Ryan reconstruction plans is contingent upon City of Chicago concurrence. Based on the February 27th meeting, it is our understanding that the City of Chicago does not support construction of traffic noise abatement walls within the City limits, and as such, they will not be included in the Dan Ryan reconstruction plans. Although we are obligated to have the noise analysis available for review at the upcoming Public Hearings, the determination of non-inclusion, based on IDOT/City coordination, will be clearly represented.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Michael J. Matkovic, Bureau Chief of Programming, at (847) 705-4393.

Very truly yours,

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